--- 2-21st Pound - “Royal Canadian Tobacco”, Toronto ---

In August 1941 “Royal Canadian Tobacco” was using the definitive 2/21st pound perforated stamp with the hidden lettering (H-K). The Budget of June 1940 had increased the *excise duty* on manufactured tobacco from 25¢ to 35¢ per pound and in response the manufacturers reduced their package sizes.

The “Royal Canadian Tobacco” date code used the central letter (**A** to **L**) to denote the twelve months, with the first letter **A** and the last number **0** reading as 1940. In 1941 the first and last character changed to **B** and **1**.

RN-22 - 2/21st pound, perf 11, roller coded **4 - 50 - E / B-I-1** by “Royal Canadian Tobacco”, Toronto in September 1941

[RN-22]	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1940	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1941	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**B-H-1**	**B-I-1**	---	**B.K.1**	**B.L.1**
1942	---	---	---	---	---	**C.F.2**	---	---	---	---	---	---

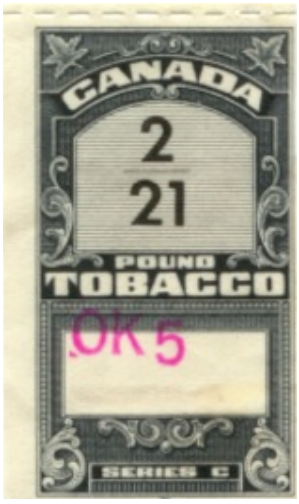
--- 2/21st Pound *new design* Series "C" - with a *black central denomination* - 22 x 42 mm. ---

--- RN-283 - *coarse roulette* - used by "Royal Canadian Tobacco", Toronto [4-50E] - 1968-70 ---

A partial series of cancellations in ***rose ink*** using a 4 mm. Gothic font occurs on the *coarse roulette* 2/21st pound *new design* Series "C" **RN-283**. The 2/21st pound *new design* Series "C" was succeeded by the "Series of 1971" 1½ ounce **RN-302**, which continued the same coding sequence.

I am only guessing when I attribute these copies to "Royal Canadian Tobacco". These pink cancellations are very common in other denominations. They may be from another company. I doubt that "Royal Canadian" was in existence during the late 1960's.

coded **9EC** in May 1969



coded **0K5** in November 5th, 1970

[RN-283]	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	13th
1968	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1969	---	---	---	---	**9EC**	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1970	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	**0K5**	---	---

On the ***1/9th pound*** stamp, the presence of both **9IC** and **9MC** indicates that "Royal Canadian" is running their codes with thirteen *four-week periods* per year, and using the sequence **A** to **M** for the months of the year. The final **C** in the coding has no apparent significance, and in 1970-72 was replaced by the day of the month.

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